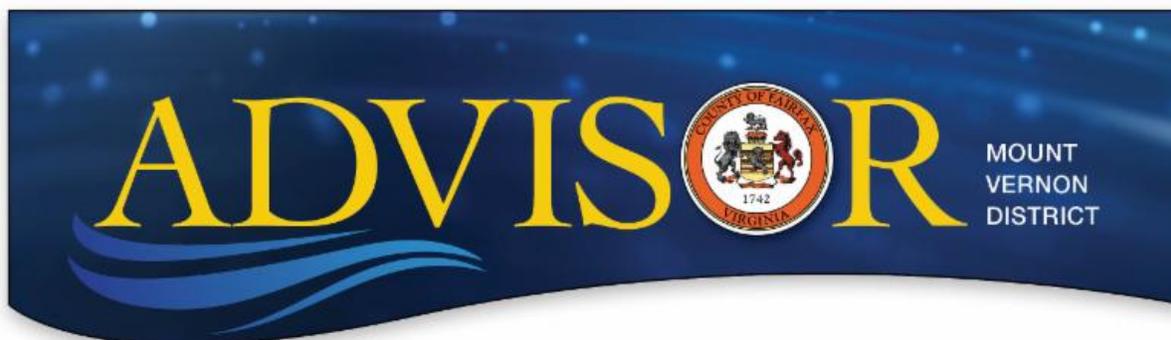


August 2018



As summer winds down, I hope you have, or will soon be enjoying your **summer vacation**. Whether it is a few day staycation in our **culture and entertainment rich region**, or a multi-week trip to faraway places, vacations are an important time to **recharge and connect** with your family and friends. This year, my wife Deb and I are spending our summer vacation visiting our daughter and her husband on the Navajo Reservation in Shiprock, NM. While the high desert where she lives is very hot, the nearby Rocky Mountains provide **cool hiking, camping, biking and touring**. Although it usually takes a few days for the clock to slow down to vacation time, the change is one I need and look forward to. I hope you can find some time in the coming weeks to slow down and enjoy **family, friends and community**.

This week in the District, **TEAM MVD** will be out in the community celebrating **National Night Out (NNO)**. NNO events, held Tuesday, August 7, throughout the District, in all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities and military bases around the world, are an opportunity to **join your friends and neighbors in an evening out of doors**. Communities come together to foster neighborhood spirit, demonstrate commitment to fight crime and strengthen partnerships with local police. **Hope to see you there!**

Later this month, and a sure sign that summer is ending, schools will open and our students will **return to classes on August 28**. With multiple schools under renovation and new programs being imagined every day, our students have access to some of the best educational opportunities in the Country. In the Mount Vernon District, we are lucky to have a **strong advocate** in our **School Board Member Karen Corbett Sanders**, who has just been elected School Board Chair for the 2018-2019 school year. Karen and I have a good working relationship and I look forward to her continued success in this new role. I am also pleased that after several years of work, this year we finally passed a budget that **provides competitive teacher compensation packages** to keep talented teachers from leaving our school district.

Respectfully yours in public service,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dan Storck".

Dan Storck
Supervisor, Mount Vernon District
Fairfax County Board of Supervisors



*Thanks to everyone who joined us at
Brewfest Saturday!*

Visit our Website



Mount Vernon District Staff: Tae Choi, Donna Slaymaker, Allison Miessler, Christine Morin, Supervisor Dan Storck, Camela Speer & Abdul Shaban.

July 2018 Activities:

- Phone calls: 1330
- Meetings: 34
- Hosted meetings: 57

Stay Connected:

Mount Vernon Governmental Center
2511 Parkers Lane
Mount Vernon, VA 22306
703-780-7518 (TTY 711) 703-780-1491 (fax)
mtvernon@fairfaxcounty.gov

Office Hours

Monday - Wednesday, Friday:
8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Thursday: 8:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Second Saturday Each Month (except August)

Lorton Library: 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
MV District Office: 12:30 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Walk-ins and by appointment

Brewfest a Hoppy Success!





In the News

Affordable Housing

An overflow crowd of community leaders, real estate professionals, builders, and **affordable housing advocates** gathered July 25 at the Mount Vernon Governmental Center to focus on housing options for low income people. [Read more](#) of the Mount Vernon Gazette article.

Thieves Market/Mount Vernon Antique Center

Our office has worked diligently to ensure the swift clean up of this site and it is finally complete! The FRD report determined the fire was of an undetermined cause and the owner is looking to rebuild.



Senior Continuum-of-Care

For years, **Spring Hill** has been a thriving 55-plus active adult community, with pristinely-cut lawns, quaint houses and condominiums. Recent additions of **Lindsay Hill senior apartments** and **The Crossings assisted living and memory care facility** provide senior living options from single-family homes to assisted living apartments. [Read Intern Austin Houck's](#) article in the Mount Vernon Gazette.

Upcoming Events

- Summer: [District Library Events](#)
- Summer: [Community Farmers Markets](#)
- Tuesdays: Farmers Market - Washington Farms United Methodist Church
- August 7: [National Night Out](#) - various
- August 9: [NOVA Workforce Training Discussion](#) - 8 a.m.
- August 10: [Mount Vernon Nights Concert Ryanhood](#) - 7:30 p.m.
- August 11: [Mount Vernon Nights Concert Kevin Maines and The Volts](#) - 7 p.m.
- August 12: [Fort Hunt Park Concert The Not Lanes Big Band](#) - 7 p.m.
- August 16: [Community Meeting: Woodlawn Cultural Landscape National Register District Nomination](#) - 6:30 p.m.
- August 16: [Deer Management Community Information Meeting](#) - 7 p.m.
- August 17: [Mount Vernon Nights Concert Justin Trawick and the Common Good](#) - 7:30 p.m.
- August 18: [Mount Vernon Nights Concert Bill and the Belles](#) - 7 p.m.
- August 19: [Fort Hunt Park Concert Alte Kameraden](#) - 7 p.m.
- July 19: [DMV2GO at Sherwood Hall Library](#)
- August 24: [Mount Vernon Nights Concert Bill Kirchen](#) - 7:30 p.m.

- August 25: [Mount Vernon Nights Concert Washington Balalaika Orchestra](#) - 7 p.m.
- August 26: [Fort Hunt Park Concert Kentlands Acoustic Jam](#) - 7 p.m.
- August 31: [Mount Vernon Nights Concert The Sweetback Sisters](#) - 7:30 p.m.

Franconia Police Station Officers in Our Community



Recently, **Officer Isa Martin** (left) handled a neighborhood problem in Woodside apartments. One of the residents was impressed with how nice the cops are here in America (she is from Lebanon). She conveyed that feeling to her daughter, who now loves the police and **invited the officers to her birthday party**. Unfortunately, they were unable to attend. Instead, Officer Martin and **PFC Luke Ohmer** (right) made her a **little gift bag with the badge** on it and brought it to her apartment.

Officers from the Franconia District spend a few hours every month at the **Lorton Library** playing board games and having dessert with the kids. In July, **Moose made a special appearance** with the officers and participated in the excitement. To the right is a picture of the library staff, officers and Moose!



Saving the Environment

Dyke Marsh Restoration

Construction began on the **1,500-foot breakwater** as part of the National Park Service's **Dyke Marsh Restoration Project**. The breakwater will help **shield the existing and planned restored marsh from erosion** and will help **re-establish the marsh's ability to regenerate naturally** within the preserve's historic footprint through the collection of sediment. Once completed, the vital project will provide a **storm buffer** for the historic and scenic George Washington Memorial Parkway, a **natural filter** to clean the Potomac River, and habitat for a variety of plants and wildlife.

Completion of the breakwater is scheduled for December 2019. Sometime later this summer or early fall, the Corps also plans to award a contract for approximately 5.45 acres of wetland restoration at Dyke Marsh.

Curbside Composting

There are several **residential curbside composting services** operating in the County. Here are some links that discuss composting and list the currently registered composting firms.

[Compost Your Food Waste](#)

[Composting Companies](#) (about halfway down the second page)

Quick Tip: No Plastic Bags in Recycling Bins

Fairfax County Public Works asks that you **please don't put plastic bags in recycling bins**. The bags often get wrapped around rollers and stop conveyor belts from processing recyclable materials. Workers then remove the bags by hand. Plastic bags

that make it past the rollers can contaminate other recyclable materials. Please take plastic bags back to grocery stores, **choose reusable bags** or place them in the trash. [Here's more information](#) on what to always place in your recycling bin and what to never place.

Funds Available to Plant Trees on County Properties and in Common Open Space

The **Tree Preservation and Planting Fund** was established to support projects to **preserve existing trees** and **plant new trees** by County agencies and **non-profit tree planting organizations** on both public properties and homeowner association commonly-owned open space. **Homeowner associations** can partner with non-profits to submit project proposals and schools can also apply to fund projects with Tree Preservation and Planting Funds. Proposals are reviewed by an inter-agency panel including representatives from Fairfax County Urban Forest Management Division, Stormwater Planning Division, Tree Commission, and NoVA Soil and Water Conservation District. **Application information** is available [online](#). [Read more...](#)

Supporting Our Seniors

GrandInvolve - Changing The World One Child at a Time

We Need You! Join **GrandInvolve** - a program which facilitates volunteer opportunities in Fairfax County's Title I Schools. GrandInvolve recruits **older adult volunteers** who are interested in providing mentoring, reading and math tutoring or classroom assistance. If you are interested in **volunteering in the classroom with children** - under the guidance of a classroom teacher, visit the GrandInvolve [website](#) for the list of participating schools. There are also opportunities for people who would like to share their knowledge and experience on a **Leadership Team**.

Become part of GrandInvolve - an Award Winning program that is already **successfully providing tutoring services in 16 Title 1 Schools** in the County. To learn how you can be involved [contact](#) or [visit](#).

New Fairfax 50+ Podcasts & Videos

- [Fall for the Book Festival](#)
- [How YOU can be part of the September's NV Senior Olympics](#)
- [Channel 16 Conference Recording: Suicide-Determining Who's at Risk](#)

Volunteer Opportunities

Grocery shoppers are needed twice a month to help older adults in **Alexandria**. [Apply online](#)

Mealtime Companions are needed in Alexandria/Franconia and Lorton to assist with heating food and providing mealtime companionship. Guidance on working with older adults with cognitive decline offered. [Apply online](#)

The **Hollin Hall Senior Center** in Alexandria needs a **Garden Helper** and **Instructors** for the following classes: **Ballroom Dance**, **Basic Art** and **Basic Guitar**. [Apply online](#)

The **Gum Springs Senior Program** in Alexandria is looking for a **Line Dance Instructor**. [Apply online](#)

The **Lorton Senior Center** needs **Arts & Crafts leaders**, a **Spanish instructor** to teach beginner level students, and occasional **Musical Entertainment**. [Apply online](#)

Locally Poured

Seven local Fairfax County Breweries have joined forces to **showcase Fairfax County's burgeoning craft beer scene** and cross-promote the individual breweries to residents and visitors with the help of an official Field Guide and integrated marketing campaign.



Patrons can take a "**Tour de Pour**" of the seven craft breweries in the county using this free Field Guide, collect (at least four) Field Guide stamps, and redeem their stamped guide for **upgraded VIP Access** with their paid admission to the **2018 Fairfax County Brewfest on September 22 at Mustang Sally Brewing Company**. The Field Guide is available at each of the seven breweries and at the Fairfax County Visitors Center in Tysons Corner Center.

Community Information

Join Us Across the District for National Night Out

What is National Night Out?

- Annual **neighborhood-based crime and drug prevention event**
- Opportunity to show **neighborhood spirit** and **strengthen partnerships with local police**
- Demonstrates **neighborhood commitment** to fight crime
- Observed in **thousands of communities** in all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities and military bases around the world

[Read more and register your community!](#)

Fairfax Connector Route 171 Service Change

Due to low ridership and new Metrorail hours of operations, the **Fairfax Connector will stop operating the last northbound** (leaves Lorton VRE Station at 12:35 a.m.) and **southbound** (leaves Huntington Metro at 1:40 a.m.) **Friday trips on Route 171 Richmond Highway** (between Huntington Metro and the Lorton VRE Station). This will improve the overall effectiveness of Route 171, and the **impact to riders will be limited**, based on average ridership on these trips.

OMVHS Update

[Click here](#) to read about what is going on at **Original Mount Vernon High School**.



Backpacks for Kids

TEAM MVD will be collecting backpacks at our office to be distributed through the **Penn Daw Fire Station** to 45 schools in our community. **Deadline** to drop off backpacks is **August 17**. In addition, several local organizations are collecting **backpacks and school supplies** for students in need this fall. Visit their websites below for details.

- [Lorton Community Action Center](#)
- [United Community Ministries](#)
- [Britepaths](#)
- [Apple Federal Credit Union](#)

New Online Resource for Medicaid Expansion Info

Beginning in **January 2019**, approximately **28,000 uninsured adults** in Fairfax County may be **eligible for medical coverage** through Virginia's Medicaid Expansion. Medicaid expansion will have a positive impact on the families and communities we serve by **increasing access to comprehensive health care** and improving health outcomes. Residents can access ongoing information about services and eligibility on the [Health and Human Services website](#).

Bike to Worship Week

This **August 13 – 19**, the Fairfax County Bicycle and Pedestrian team will be celebrating the **County's first Bike and Walk To Worship Week**, as part of our efforts to promote biking and walking as viable modes of transportation. Local congregations of all faiths will be invited to **host events** (like a "blessing of the bikes," prayer walks or breakfasts) throughout the week and we need help to promote the opportunity! Are you interested in being a champion for biking and walking in your congregation, or do you know someone who might be? If so, please email bikefairfax@fairfaxcounty.gov to learn more!

Lord Fairfax Ride



The celebration of Fairfax County's 275th Anniversary continues! **Lord Fairfax**, the 14th Baron of Cameron, will return to Fairfax County to lead a charity motorcycle ride for the benefit of four local charities. The **2018 Lord Fairfax Charity Ride** is planned as an extension of Fairfax County's 275th Anniversary celebration. The ride route will generally follow the boundary of the original Northern Neck Land Grant, and consist of a one, two, or four-day ride commencing on **September 22, 2018**. More information at www.lordfairfaxride.org.

River View at Occoquan Wedding Giveaway



NOVA Parks is pleased to announce the **waterfront wedding giveaway!** To commemorate the opening of the **River View at Occoquan** NOVA Parks will give one lucky couple the chance of a lifetime: a free wedding at this amazing new venue, overlooking the Occoquan River. [Click here](#) to enter.

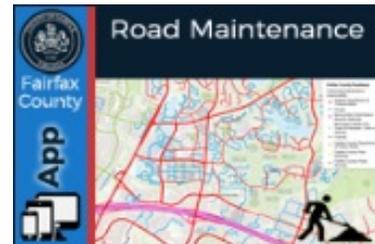
Important Safety Messages

Immunizations - Protect Yourself and Your Community



Potholes

Who is supposed to fix that **pothole**? Where do I report a **missing street sign**? Or who do I call about **snow removal** – although we don't have to worry about that for a couple of months. Answering these questions about any road segment requires a person to know who maintains it. In Fairfax County, the answer can vary: Is it Fairfax County, VDOT, public schools, a private entity or some other? **To get answers to these questions**, you can use the [Road Maintenance mapping application](#) on the Fairfax County [website](#). Open the application and either search for an address or zoom into a desired area on the map. All road segments are color-coded by their maintenance responsibility. **Clicking on a road segment** will open a window giving the street name and maintenance responsibility. The application also has tools for measuring, changing the base map (to aerial imagery, for instance) and printing for user convenience. With the Road Maintenance mapping application, who to call for maintenance need not be a mystery anymore.



"In the know, on the go."

Fairfax County's **FREE alert system** sends you important information during an emergency, helps you navigate your commute and shares community information.



You can also customize your Fairfax Alerts to receive the information pertinent to you. Don't miss this important information! Sign up today for Fairfax Alerts at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/alerts.

Boards, Authorities and Commissions

Help **serve your community** by serving on a Fairfax County Board, Authority or Commission. Please ask your friends, neighbors and community members if they are willing to help serve Fairfax County. Supervisor Storck has vacancies on:



Architectural Review Board

The purpose of the Architectural Review Board shall be to administer the provisions of Part 2 of Article 7 (Historic Overlay Districts), of the Zoning Ordinance and to advise and assist the Board of Supervisors in its efforts to preserve and protect historic, architectural, and archaeological resources in the County.

Health Systems Agency Board

To improve quality of the health services provided them, both private and public, while restraining increases in the cost of providing health services.

Transportation Advisory Committee

To advise the Board and provide information and comments on major transportation issues faced by the County.

Volunteering on these committees increases citizen participation in our district. If you are interested in serving on a county board, authority, commission, or committee (BAC), please provide a current résumé to Donna.Slaymaker@fairfaxcounty.gov.

For more information, please download the [brochure](#) for a brief guide to BACs, or learn more on the county website [here](#).



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TO VOTE!**

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CONFIRM YOUR EXISTING VOTER REGISTRATION
REGISTER TO VOTE IN VIRGINIA
ASSIST WITH ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUESTS FORMS
PROCESS VOTER PHOTO IDS

SHERWOOD HALL REG. LIBRARY
2501 SHERWOOD HALL LN ALEX. 22306
FIRST SATURDAYS THROUGH OCT.
AUG. 4 - SEPT. 1 - OCT. 6
10 AM TO 2 PM

FAIRFAX COUNTY OFFICE OF ELECTIONS
12000 GOVERNMENT CENTER PARKWAY, SUITE 223, FAIRFAX VA
PHONE: 703-222-0776 TTY: 771

ALL COUNTY VOTING FACILITIES ARE ACCESSIBLE.
CURBSIDE VOTING AVAILABLE FOR SENIORS AND DISABLED VOTERS.
PLEASE CALL THE NUMBER LISTED AT EACH PRECINCT LOCATION

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